heaven upon every supposed offender. If^ for example, some form of pestilence, such as cholera, visits a district, they will lead us first to see the hand of God in it, and secondly, to inquire whether it may not have a special respect to a particular evil in the community ; and as we discover how it falls most severely upon the intemperate, and those who consort in the haunts of pollution, they will conduct us to the conclusion, that it is specially directed against the social evils among us, and that it is allowed to travel beyond its particular walk, and to attack the comfortable and the wealthy, in order to shew them that they are so far responsible for the moral diseases in the midst of them, and that the flames must spread if they are not extinguished.

Or suppose that disease has entered our own dwelling, these same principles will lead us, as in the previous case, first to see God ia the occurrence, and then to inquire what reference it can have to our moral and religious state. In directing us to such practical inquiries, they will save us from a vast amount of loose speculations and profitless applications, which go out in uncharitable references towards others, and come back with no lessons of huinjlity to ourselves.

Guided by these principles, and guarded by sound sense, the inquiring rmind will discover designed combinations, many and wonderful, between the various events of Divine providence.

Head in the spirit of faith, striking relations will everywhere manifest themselves. What singular unions of two streams at the proper place to help on the exertions of the great and good ! What curious intersections of cords to catch the wicked as in a net, when they are prowling as wild beasts! By strange but most apposite correspondences, human strength, when set against the will of God, is made to waste away under his indignation burning against it, as, in heathen 'story, Meleager wasted away as the stick burned which his mother held in the

fire. A consistency not visible at first sight may thus be traced throughout the whole scheme of God's providence. When the eye is made to run over years and ages, it will discover a track running along the whole territory, now disappearing, but again clearly marked; a stream meandering and sometimes hiding itself, and seemingly lost, yet, like. Arethusa, appearing again, and holding on its way to the place to which it has to bear its waters. There will be seen a line of transmission from age to age, arid events arc